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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

ICHIKAWA ET AL.

Examiner

Joseph Haley

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 August 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 9, 10, 13, 14 and 21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 9, 10, 13, 14 and 21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 14 recites the limitation "the predetermined command" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 13 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the applicant's admitted prior art in view of Saeki et al. (US 6285823).

In regard to claim 21, the applicant's admitted prior art teaches a video and a data recording area included within a data area, wherein the video and the data recording area includes a program chain command table information having a description area, the description area storing a pre-command, a post-command, a cell command (see paragraph 8); but does not teach a resume command.

Saeki et al. teaches a resume command (column 28 lines 16-23).

The two are analogous art because they both deal with the same field of invention of DVD-Video.

At the time of invention it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide the apparatus of the applicant's admitted prior art with the resume command of Saeki et al. The rationale is as follows: At the time of invention it would have been obvious to provide the apparatus of the applicant's admitted prior art with the resume command of Saeki et al. because it would allow the apparatus to return to the original scene.

In regard to claim 13, the applicant's admitted prior art teaches wherein the information recording medium is an optical disk (paragraph 6).

Claims 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the applicant's admitted prior art and Saeki et al. in view of Hasegawa et al. (US 6282320).

In regard to claim 9, the applicant's admitted prior art and Saeki et al. teach all the elements of claim 9 except wherein the command is a command which is executed when a timer is made valid and a predetermined time is elapsed.

Hasegawa et al. teaches a command which is executed when a timer is made valid and a predetermined time is elapsed (fig. 22 S803-S805).

The three are analogous art because they all deal with the same field of invention of video on an optical disc.

At the time of invention it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide the apparatus of the applicant's admitted prior art and Saeki et al. with

the timer of Hasegawa et al. The rationale is as follows: At the time of invention it would have been obvious to provide the apparatus of the applicant's admitted prior art and Saeki et al. with the timer of Hasegawa et al. because it would allow for commands to take place without any action from the user.

In regard to claim 10, Hasegawa et al. teaches wherein the reproducing control information defines other reproducing control information which is linked when the timer is made valid and the predetermined time is elapsed (fig. 22 S803-S805. The apparatus of Hasegawa et al. displays a new picture once the time has passed).

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph Haley whose telephone number is 571-272-0574. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30am-5pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Korzuch can be reached on 571-272-7589. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/William Korzuch/
SPE, Art Unit 2627